

John 15:5
"Declaration of Dependence"

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1. Introduction

- a. Jesus speaking
 - "I am the vine (whole plant: root system, stock, branches above
 - Jn 15:1 I am the true vine
- b. All disciples of Jesus are compared to branches
- c. Vine can survive without branches
 - ~~branch~~ new branches can grow & replace those cut off
- d. But branches cannot survive without the vine
 - cut off branches? they die
- e. One vine, but many branches

2. Depend on God - Pray more

- a. 1 Tim 2:1 first - supplications, prayers, intercessions, thanksgiving
 - all different forms of praying
 - pray for all men
 - pray for those in authority
- b. Types of praying
 - intercession: standing in between
 - * Christian intermediary for other person before God
 - supplication: supplicant person asking for something
 - * have needs that need filling (solutions)
 - thanksgiving: telling God "Thank you" for His goodness & filling need
 - prayers: catchall for talking with God for everything else
- c. Prayer reflects God's eternity
 - Before: supplication
 - During: intercession
 - After (finish): thanksgiving

3. Depend on God - Be godly & honest
- a. Christian lives quietly & peaceable
 - b. Government purpose to control criminal element [see Rom 13:1-6]
 - praying for government officials
 - want government officials to create peace & order in society
 - c. Christian lives orderly life socially in godliness & reverence to God
 - honesty in all parts of Christian life
 - d. In all societies, evil exists
 - evil lives in the heart of all humans, including Christians
 - ~~humans~~ some humans do evil things

4. God wants to save all people
- a. Praying for others is good & acceptable in God's sight
 - God wants social conditions to be quiet & peaceable
 - God is not the God of evil, violence, or unsettled conditions
 - b. God desires for all people to be saved
 - God's gift of goodness to all people (Mt 7:11)
 - Easier to spread gospel of Christ when your neighborhood has peace & quiet
 - c. God gives out knowledge of the truth
 - peacefulness & quiet is part of truth that God gives
 - God is opposed to evil & violence
 - only God can give peace within the heart (inside self)
 - only God can forgive sin
 - * sin is evil against God & His moral laws (10 commandments)
 - d. God's gospel
 - 1 Tim 2:5-6 One Mediator who paid ransom for sins - Man Christ Jesus